

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING  
Tuesday, February 5, 2013**

**Present:** Commissioner President Francis Jack Russell  
Commissioner Lawrence D. Jarboe  
Commissioner Cynthia L. Jones  
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan  
Commissioner Daniel L. Morris  
Sue Sabo, Acting County Administrator  
Sharon Ferris (Recorder)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner President Russell called the business meeting to order at 9:00 am in the Chesapeake Building meeting room, Governmental Center.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Commissioner Jarboe moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve the minutes of January 29, 2013, as presented. Motion carried 5-0.**

**PROCLAMATION WAS PRESENTED FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH (UCAC)**

**DEPT. OF ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: TECHNOLOGY HANDBOOK PRESENTATION**

**Present:** Steve Anderson, Director, Dept. Economic and Community Development  
Laura Boonchaisri, Economic Development Coordinator, Dept. of Economic and Community Development  
Bonnie Green, Executive Director, Patuxent Partnership  
Casey Page, Graphic Communications Teacher  
Theo Cramer, Exec. Dir. of College & Career Readiness and Forrest Tech. Center

Ms. Boonchaisri announced Jessie Wyrick as the winner of the 2013 Technology Handbook for St. Mary's County cover contest. She is a senior at Leonardtown High School and a Graphics Communications student at the James A. Forrest Technology Center. The Patuxent Partnership, sponsor of the cover contest, presented her a \$500 check in December 2012. Ms. Wyrick was unable to

attend the meeting today. Ms. Casey Page, Graphics Communications Teacher, accepted a Commendation on Ms. Wyrick's behalf.

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

1. Draft Agenda for February 12, 2013. There will be no meeting on February 19, 2013.

*Commissioner Jarboe noted that the Commissioners received a letter from the Clean Chesapeake Coalition requesting the Commissioners reconsider participating in the Coalition. He requested that this item be put on County Administrator's Time for a vote to resolve the issue.*

2. **Department of Economic and Community Development** (*Steven Anderson, Director; Donna Sasscer, Agriculture Manager*)

**Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Jones, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to sign the Release Agreement for the St. Mary's County Agriculture Land Preservation District 5-Year Program. Motion carried 4-0. Commissioner Jarboe abstained.**

*(Sue Veith, Environmental Planner, Dept. Land Use and Growth Management; Frank Allen, Patuxent Tidewater Trust)*

**Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and accept the Rural Legacy Applications and sign the Letter of Rural Legacy Area Funding Preference, prioritizing the Mattapany Rural Legacy Area for designation and funding as our top priority and the Huntersville Rural Legacy Area as our second priority for additional funding. Motion carried 5-0.**

3. **Department of Emergency Services and Technology** (*Bob Kelly Director*)

**Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and authorize the Department of Emergency Services & Technology staff to submit the grant award documents electronically for the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP), Project US1334, from the State of Maryland in the amount of \$10,500, consistent with the hard copy reviewed by the BOCC. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Commissioner Morris moved, seconded by Commissioner Jarboe, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to sign the budget amendment which will**

**close-out the first (US1179) and second (US1279) year projects and consolidate the funding into the third year project under US1379, in the amount of \$46,970. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to sign the budget amendment which will set up budget authority in the amount of \$250 for animal food. Motion carried 5-0.**

**4. Office of County Attorney** (*George Sparling, County Attorney*)

*(Brian Loewe, Director, Dept. of Recreation and Parks)*

**Commissioner Jones moved, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, to approve and authorize Commissioner President Russell to execute the Amendment to Grant of Easement between the County and Department of Navy at the Hermanville Recreation and Parks site modifying the existing easement dated September 2, 1986. Motion carried 5-0.**

**Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, that the Board adopt the Resolution authorizing County administrative officers to apply for renewal of an existing Class D license and issuance and future renewals of a Class M-G license for the use and benefit of the Wicomico Shores municipal golf course pending an annual vote by BOCC on the license renewal. Motion carried 5-0.**

**5. Department of Finance** (*Elaine Kramer, CFO*)

**Commissioner Morgan moved, seconded by Commissioner Morris, to direct that a public hearing be held by Hollywood VRS and Ridge VRS for a proposed tax rate increase of only 3/10 above current rate which would bring Hollywood VRS up to 1.4 cents and Ridge VRS up to 1.1 cents. Motion carried 5-0.**

**COMMISSIONER'S TIME**

The Commissioners highlighted events of the past week.

*Commissioner Jarboe distributed a property boundary overlay he requested from Public Works which shows the encroachment of the Carter Building/Detention Center. Commissioner Jarboe met with Sheriff Cameron concerning the Detention Center expansion and noted that the Sheriff is communicating with the State to see if State funding is still available for a portion of the Detention Center expansion. Commissioner Jarboe indicated he would be interested in revisiting the expansion of the Detention Center if the issue of*

*property ownership is resolved, the state is willing to provide a portion of the funding, and value engineering is considered. All Commissioners agreed that the land issue needs resolved and funding is essential before reconsidering; however, Commissioner Morris questioned why value engineering wasn't considered before.*

#### PATUXENT NAVAL AIR STATION: NAVY UNMANNED COMBAT AIR SYSTEM (UCAS-D) UPDATE

Present: CAPT Jaime Engdahl, Program Manager, PMA-268 Navy UCAS

CAPT Engdahl provided an update on the testing phase of the Unmanned Combat Air Vehicle Systems-D under development by the U. S. Navy and Northrop Grumman. The UCAS-D is undergoing shore-based carrier suitability testing in preparation for sea trials in 2013. Since December 2012, Northrop Grumman has brought 140 families into the County to work on this program. Patuxent River and Lakehurst are the only two places in the world where this type of testing is being done.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Commissioner Russell opened the Public Forum at 6:30 at the Northern Senior Center, 29655 Charlotte Hall Rd., Charlotte Hall, MD.

Public Comments. *(Comments as noted below are intended as highlights of testimony given and are not verbatim.)*

#### **Tommy Alvey, 40581 Bishop Rd., Mechanicsville, MD 20659**

- Questioned the procurement process for the County
- Employed as representative for company that sells batteries
- Heard that County contracts adopted local vendor preference policy
- Met with procurement asked where county gets batteries and was asked if he was a representative under a Delaware contract
- Asked if it was true that you had to be under a Delaware contract to bid on Battery procurement
- Asked why you would have to piggyback on a Delaware contract

#### **Eve Taylor, 22441 Cornwall Dr., California, MD 20619**

- Concerned that neighbor has a pool in their yard that is not fenced in (provided copy of zoning permit and property plat)
- She noted an Adverse Possession law and expressed concern that boundary stakes originally planted in the San Souci development may have been moved - said neighbor's a/c is on her property
- Provided Commissioners with information on Families Against Big Bullies meeting

*Commissioner Russell will forward information regarding pool fence to Mr. Shire, Director, Land Use and Growth Management.*

**Thomas Williams, 37990 Mohawk Dr., Charlotte Hall, MD 20622**

- Concerned about requirements for upgrades to septic tanks and tiers
- Asked Commissioner where they stand on the issue

*Commissioner Russell suggested Mr. Williams contact the Health Department or Dept. of Land Use and Growth Management for more information. He said the Commissioners have not yet adopted tiers.*

**Stephen Cricchi, 23686 JM Gough Ct., Leonardtown, MD 20650**

- Representing Tri-County Youth Services a non-profit organization who provides programs for Children and Youth
- Tri County Youth Services is funded by Governor's Office for Children along with the County contributing 10% to their annual budget
- Concerned with potential cuts to non-profits
- Requested funding

**Diana Donahue, 37745 Asher Rd., Mechanicsville, MD 20659**

- Attorney for Center for Family Advocacy, a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) agency whose function is to provide advocacy, legal assistance and information/referral to victims of domestic violence in the Southern Maryland
- Organization is funded through Federal and State grants and County government
- Not sure if the State will continue to support an organization that the County doesn't support
- Provided a scenario of the type of situations they deal with
- Encouraged Commissioners to continue funding

**Jim Dicus, 26655 Three Notch Rd., Mechanicsville, MD 20659**

- Representing Summerseat Farm
- Farm trying to preserve history of St. Mary's County
- Summerset receives approximately 10,000 volunteer hours a year
- Asked if Commissioners would consider a small grant to help sustain Summerseat Farm

**Dan Donahue, 37745 Asher Rd., Mechanicsville, MD 20659**

- Concerned with potential cutting of funding to non-profits
- Asked Commissioners to look at a broader picture – what sense does it make to pull funding from these agencies

- Stated County Government is able to function because of these social networks
- Asked the BOCC to look at what they could shift outside County government and other cost savings measures

*Commissioner Russell asked Mr. Donahue to come up with some suggestions for services that could be shifted outside of County government and to send them to the Commissioners.*

**Bob Schaller, Leonardtown, MD 20650**

- Provided Commissioners an invitation to the St. Mary's County Business, Education and Community Alliance, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Benefit Dinner on Friday, March 15, 2013 from 6:00 to 11:00 pm. Proceeds from the function will provide scholarships to high school seniors in the County.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Russell closed the public hearing and adjourned the Board of County Commissioners meeting at 7:10 pm.

Minutes Approved by the Board of County Commissioners on \_\_\_\_\_

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Sharon Ferris, Senior Administrative Coordinator (Recorder)